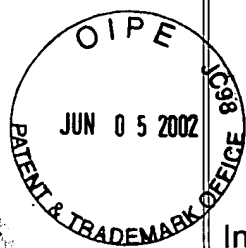


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, thus, no fee is required.

Copies of the listed documents, which are from three copending U.S. patent applications, are attached. The copending applications are as follows:

1. **09/609,717** - Filed in the U.S. on June 30, 2000 (Daniel ACHARD et al.)
2. **09/627,791** - Filed in the U.S. on July 27, 2000 (Eric BACQUE et al.)
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